FISCAL NOTE

HB 2451

January 29, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates an exemption from the Municipal Court Reform Act of 2004 continuing education requirements if a municipal judge is a practicing attorney who has satisfied annual continuing legal education requirements. Requires the judge to submit proof of such completed legal education requirements to the Administrative Office of the Courts by March 1 following the year such requirements were met. Permits a municipal judge to concurrently hold the office of city recorder if so designated by the municipal charter.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Less than \$100,000

Assumption:

• Most municipal court judges are currently acting in both capacities and this legislation would allow that practice to continue. The decrease in local government expenditures would occur because there would be no need to hire separate city recorders whose salary range is \$28,000 - \$31,600.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director